

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 20-27 and 30-33 as follows:

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~sheet like molded~~ thermoplastic sheet product ~~wherein comprising:~~

~~said thermoplastic is first extruded into a sheet having~~

at least one visible surface formed of extruded thermoplastic;

~~said surface having been treated with a sufficient amount of~~

~~at least one~~ a color-containing thermoplastic resin system disposed on said surface to impart a granite-like appearance or other visual or textural affect on said surface; ~~of said sheet of extruded thermoplastic,~~

said color-containing thermoplastic resin system comprising;

a pigment or a dye, and

a thermoplastic resin compatible with said extruded thermoplastic for creating said appearance on said surface.

~~said treated surface also having been exposed to a compressive force sufficient to promote adherence of said color containing resin system to said surface.~~

21. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic sheet product in accordance with claim 20, wherein said extruded thermoplastic is selected from the group consisting of polyacetals, acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrenes, acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrenes, styrene-acrylonitriles, styrene-maleic anhydrides, nylons, polycarbonates, polybutylene terephthalates, polyethylenes, polypropylenes, polystyrenes, polyurethanes, polyvinyl chlorides, acrylics, and mixtures thereof.

22. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic sheet product in accordance with claim 20, wherein said extruded thermoplastic is selected from the group consisting of: acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers; acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers; acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene copolymers; polyvinyl chloride; blends of polycarbonate and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5

weight percent; blends of acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers and nylon in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of polycarbonate and acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of polyvinyl chloride and acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers in the ratio of about 20:80 to about 80:20 weight percent; and blends of acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers and acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene copolymers in the ratio of about 20:80 to about 80:20 weight percent.

23. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic ~~sheet product~~ in accordance with claim 20, wherein ~~the said thermoplastic resin material for said color containing system comprises a thermoplastic binder or carrier material~~ is selected from the group consisting of polyacetals, acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrenes, acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene, styrene-acrylonitriles, styrene-maleic anhydrides, nylons, polycarbonates, polybutylene terephthalates, polypropylenes, polystyrenes, polyurethanes, polyvinyl chlorides, acrylics, and mixtures thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic ~~sheet product~~ in accordance with claim 20, wherein said ~~thermoplastic resin binder or carrier~~ thermoplastic resin is selected from the group consisting of: acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers; acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers; acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene copolymers; polyvinyl chloride; blends of polycarbonate and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers and nylon in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of polycarbonate and acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of polyvinyl chloride and acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers in the ratio of about 20:80 to about 80:20 weight percent; and blends of acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers and acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene copolymers in the ratio of about 20:80 to about 80:20 weight percent.

25. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic sheet product in accordance with claim 20, wherein said color-containing thermoplastic resin system comprises a plurality of particles.

26. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic sheet product in accordance with claim 25, wherein said particles of said color-containing thermoplastic resin system are of from about -10 to about +5000 U.S. Standard mesh size.

27. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic product comprising:
a first layer or zone formed of extruded thermoplastic; and
a second layer or zone comprising a color-containing thermoplastic resin system adhered to said first layer or zone to impart a granite-like appearance or other visual or textural effect on a surface of said first layer or zone;

~~; said first layer or zone comprising an extruded thermoplastic sheet product formed from at least one thermoplastic, and said second layer or zone comprising a color-containing thermoplastic resin system adhering to said first layer or zone to impart a granite-like appearance or other visual or textural effect on a surface of said sheet of thermoplastic;~~

said color-containing thermoplastic resin system of said second layer or zone comprising at least one pigment and at least one thermoplastic resin binder or carrier material,

wherein said first layer or zone and said second layer or zone ~~having been~~ are compressed after ~~said application~~ adherence of said color-containing thermoplastic resin system to said first layer or zone.

30. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic product in accordance with claim 27, wherein said thermoplastic resin binder material is selected from the group consisting of polyacetals, acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrenes, acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene, styrene-acrylonitriles, styrene-maleic anhydrides, nylons,

polycarbonates, polybutylene terephthalates, polypropylenes, polystyrenes, polyurethanes, polyvinyl chlorides, acrylics, and mixtures thereof.

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31. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic product in accordance with claim 27, wherein said thermoplastic resin binder or carrier material is selected from the group consisting of: acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers; acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers; acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene copolymers; polyvinyl chloride; blends of polycarbonate and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers and nylon in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of polycarbonate and acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers in the ratio of about 5:95 to about 95:5 weight percent; blends of polyvinyl chloride and acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers in the ratio of about 20:80 to about 80:20 weight percent; and blends of acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers and acrylonitrile-ethylene-styrene copolymers in the ratio of about 20:80 to about 80:20 weight percent.

32. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic product in accordance with claim 27, wherein said color-containing thermoplastic resin system comprises a plurality of particles.

33. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic product in accordance with claim 32, wherein said particles of said color-containing thermoplastic resin system are of from about -10 to about +5000 U.S. Standard mesh size.